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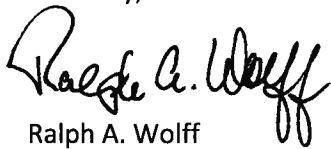
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To the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing:

We understand that questions have arisen regarding CTC approving teacher preparation programs at non-regionally accredited institutions. While we ordinarily support this policy, since we believe regional accreditation does assure institutional quality and integrity, there have been occasions when the CTC has approved non-WASC accredited programs.

The purpose of this letter is to provide support for California Montessori teacher education programs that are accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education. Montessori education is a philosophy recognized statewide as one form of education which has proven successful in addressing poor academic standards in children resulting in self-motivated positive learners. We believe that the monitoring by the Montessori Accrediting Council is sufficient even without regional accreditation to support your approval.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Wolff
President
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cc: Montessori Council of California